

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

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R 271102Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6363

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 3770

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, PGOV, IS  
SUBJECT: AN OPINION ON BEGIN'S CONDITION.

1. A RELIABLE EMBASSY CONTACT HAS PASSED ON TO US THE  
OPINION OF DR. MAURICE LEVY CONCERNING BEGIN'S CONDITION.  
LEVY, A SURGEON OF INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION WHO SERVED  
A NUMBER OF YEARS AT THE MAYO CLINIC BELIEVES THAT ONLY  
AFTER OPEN-HEART SURGERY COULD BEGIN BE ABLE TO ASSUME  
A NORMAL WORK SCHEDULE AS PRIME MINISTER. LEVY SAYS  
(IN LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE) THAT HE NEEDS A BY-PASS CHANNEL  
INSTALLED NEAR HIS HEART. WITHOUT SUCH SURGERY, WHICH  
WOULD INVOLVE FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS CONVALESCENCE, BEGIN  
WILL HAVE TO SETTLE FOR A FOUR HOUR WORKDAY; AND EVEN THEN,  
THE PROGNOSIS WOULD NOT BE GOOD.

2. LEVY REPORTEDLY REACHED THIS CONCLUSION FOLLOWING A  
CONVERSATION WITH BEGIN'S PHYSICIAN. PRESUMABLY LEVY  
DID NOT HIMSELF EXAMINE BEGIN. THERE IS NO  
INDICATION THAT THE SURGERY IS NOW UNDER  
CONSIDERATION.  
LEWIS

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